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Attorney Docket No.	P114571
First Inventor	Mr. Scott Kohlmeier
Title	RESTRAINTS SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LADDER SYSTEM
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**APPLICATION ELEMENTS**  
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See 37 CFR 1.27.3. ☒ Specification (Total Pages ☐)  
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- Descriptive title of the invention  
- Cross Reference to Related Applications  
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D  
- Reference to sequence listing, a table,  
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- Background of the Invention  
- Brief Summary of the Invention  
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)  
- Detailed Description  
- Claim(s)  
- Abstract of the Disclosure4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [20 Total]5. Oath or Declaration (Total Sheets 2)a. ☒ Newly executed (original or copy)b. ☐ Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
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name in the prior application, see 37 CFR  
1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.767. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or  
Computer Program (Appendix)  
8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission  
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1. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); orii. ☐ Paperc. ☐ Statements verifying identity of above copies**ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS**9. ☐ Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))10. ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement ☒ Power of Attorney  
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Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Citations  
Preliminary Amendment13. ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)  
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1003 520	2003 260	Plant filing fee	
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Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee Bldw	Fee Paid
16	-20- = 9.00	X	
1	-3- = 43.00	X	
Independent Claims			
Multiple Dependent			

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1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 84	2201 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 280	2203 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 84	2204 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
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1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 410	2252 205	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 930	2253 465	Extension for reply within third month	
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1255 1,970	2255 985	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 320	2401 160	Notice of Appeal	
1402 320	2402 160	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 280	2403 140	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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1501 1,300	2501 650	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
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Sir,

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Applicant: Mr. Scott Kohlmeier  
Title: RESTRAINT SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR LADDER  
SYSTEM

1. Enclosed are:

- a) Certificate of Express Mailing requesting treatment under 37 CFR 1.10,  
Express Mail Filing Date of December 12, 2003, Label No. EL 983419818 ;
- b) 1-page Utility Patent Application Transmittal;
- c) 1-page Fee Transmittal;
- d) 3-page Unexecuted Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney;
- e) 1-page Non-Publication Request Form PTO/SB/35;
- f) Specification, Claims and Abstract ( 39 pages total: 37 pages of  
specification, 6 pages of claims, 1 page of abstract);
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Title

RESTRAINT SYSTEM, APPARATUS AND  
METHOD FOR LADDER SYSTEM

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